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BOARD MEETING

Feb 9 th Thursday 7:00 PM
Meeting to be held at the home of Ira
Rushwald. Call any board member for
directions

Ernest Hemingway on skiing

“Coming down the mountain in the telemark position, kneeling one leg forward and bent, the other trailing: his sticks hanging like some insect’s thin legs, kicking puffs of snow as they touched the surface and finally the whole kneeling, trailing figure coming around in a beautiful right curve, crouching, the legs shot forward and back, the body leaning out against the swing, the sticks accenting the curve like points of light all in a wild cloud of snow.”
Ernest Hemingway

Although Ernest was not a WAC member, he would of enjoyed our special world! Contest! Who knows what Hemingway book this quote comes from?

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- Mar 22/23 Annual Olympic Ocean Beach Cleanup (Mike)
- May 06/07 Lopez Island Ramble Bike Ride (John Sargent)

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MEMORIAL

LOIS OELSCHLAGER-BLYE

The Washington Alpine Club’s last Lifetime Member passed away November 10, 2005.

Lois Oelschlager-Blye joined the club in 1932-33 and in her own words, was “pushed into the Membership Committee”. During the 30’s and 40’s, she served on several committees; planning local walks, special meetings, and one year on the Board. In the early days, members who had volunteered and served on many committees were issued a Life Membership after 20 years of active membership.

Lois was 93 and lived at Panorama City in Lacey. She passed away suddenly after being diagnosed with cancer.

Lois was first employed by the Seattle Public Library in 1929 She met William A. (Bill) Oelschlager thru mutual friends in the WAC and married him in 1938. She became a housewife and mother of four children. She loved the outdoors, mountain climbing, hiking, gardening, art and reading.

Bill died in 1970 after 32 years of marriage. She married Don L. Blye in 1972 and together they enjoyed hunting and fishing They wintered in the SW until Don’s passing in 1983.

She lived in West Seattle for over 50 years. A celebration of her life was held on December 10 2005 in Olympia. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fred Hutchison Cancer/Heart Research, 1124 Columbia St, Seattle 98100.
Mary Jane

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Can you believe this snow? It just keeps coming! Jeff Sargent and I did the official measurement at Guye Cabin on Sunday morning and our base was 107 inches, with the snow still falling! We have had fantastic snow since before Thanksgiving and it just keeps on coming. At this rate we will be skiing well into April, if not May! A six-month ski season suits us very well!

The renowned WAC Telemark class is going strong every Wednesday night. Everyone has a great time and enjoys the challenge of learning a new discipline. We love to watch all the graceful telemarkers. This is also a favorite time for folks to come up for a night of midweek skiing at Central or Alpentel. Both the Backcountry Class and the Climbing Class are getting ready to start. Pete Alderson's Backcountry Class will be at the Cabin February 24-26. The classes are a great way to meet some new friends and gain experience and skills. The WAC has lots of very smart and helpful instructors! Helping instruct a class is a wonderful way to give a little back to our Club!

Folks are tuning up their bikes for the Chilly Hilly and John Sargent's Inland Empire Bicycle Tour on April 8th and 9th. He is also putting together a Lopez Island Ramble WAC Bike Ride on May 6-7. It is a fantastic year at Guye Cabin. We have an awesome group of people keeping the Cabin in good order again this year. A huge, THANK YOU goes to Karel Zikan, Eli Holmes, Archie Brenden, Doerte Mahanay, the Sargents', (Les, Laura, Tami, John), who have taken time from their weekends (almost every weekend) to keep the Cabin organized and extra clean. Be sure to help them out by doing some chores, hauling the trash and recycling home, and shoveling snow. It is very important this year to keep the path to the Cabin open and the snow off both the front and back steps. Everyone should allow 30 minutes to help out. Don't know, or unsure what to do? Ask

someone! Parking is still a concern! Please see the Cabin Reminder in this bulletin. The Cabin is open from Friday evening until about 3:00 pm Sunday afternoon.

Guye Cabin has the aura of a true ski lodge, and it is evident that the WAC has a very strong winter division. Be sure to be respectful of the other folks, and follow the cabin rules to ensure everyone has a good time. Be responsible and educate your guests and they will have an even better time. Always at the Cabin, be sure to be respectful of the other folks, and follow the Cabin rules to ensure everyone has a good time.

All of this is what makes the Washington Alpine Club special! Our little club started in 1916 and is still going strong. Many folks know almost everyone in the club! It is made up of a lot of different little parts that come together as a great outdoor club. Our mission is to encourage the healthful enjoyment of the great outdoors, preserve its natural beauty, and to promote good fellowship among all lovers of nature. See you on the snow!

Mike

GIFTS TO THE WAC

The WAC is extremely grateful for gestures of generosity that help sustain our Club as it prepares to enter it's second century.

Carol Elsner made a donation to the Club in memory of her father, Herbert T. Elsner, a life long WAC member.

Dale Ott donated historic ski, snowshoe, hiking, and mountaineering equipment. Most of what you see at Guye Cabin was donated by Dale!

Mike Beck brought up a bookcase for the kids books.

Many others donate gifts, money, and time, but prefer to remain anonymous. It's people like these that form part of the backbone of our Club! On behalf of our 458 members, Thank You!

THE NEW WACLIST ON YAHOO!

Just go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/waclist/> click the Join This Group button

You can have the messages delivered to your email box, or view them on the yahoo group website.

Important: We only let people sign up who are current WAC members. When you click the Join This Group button, we have to approve you before you can join. All we see is your email address unless you tell us more. Please put your name in the comment section. As much as we love you all, we haven't memorized your email addresses, and if we can't figure out who you are from your email address alone, then we'll deny your request.

If this happens to you just apply to join the group again and in the comment section, tell us your name.

Go here to see your profile on the wac website:

<http://www.wacweb.org/Membership/MemberList/photoroster.view?LastName=startswith=A>

If you don't have an account on the <http://www.wacweb.org> you can use the shared name and password:

User name: climbing

Password: climbon

GUYE CABIN PARTY!

Have you ever hosted a party for 50-80 people that lasted from Friday to Sunday evening at your home? That is essentially what we are doing every weekend at Guye Cabin.

If you come up for a couple of hours, the day, or the night, we need your help!

Please read on all the way through..... memorize, and then spread around!

Remember, we only have 7 parking spaces so we have to manage them very carefully.

Things you can do:

Carpool

Upon arrival:

If you bring guests in a separate car or you come with a group, shuttle all but one car over to West Summit (The shuttle will bring you back, or its a 10 minute walk)

Keep the cars parked tight together.

Do not park in the Shuttle bus pull off area or on the Sahalie side

Always leave an empty space for unloading

Do not let the public park in our area! Send them away! (Every one that parks in our spaces is one less space that we have)

Going skiing for the day? Take your car.

Cooperate when we ask to move cars for plowing, asked by Sahalie, or for any reason

Be very careful parking on Friday as they plow to get ready for the weekend.

Make friends with the neighbors.

Sadly, very few people have stepped up to be "hosts" for the Cabin. Archie Brendan, Les Sargent, John Sargent, Tami Sargent, Laura Sargent, Mike Mahanay, Doerte Mahanay, Eli Homes, Karel Zikan, have been there every weekend since the Snow Dinner to open and close, and make sure things go smoothly. These folks are placed in the tough position being the parking monitors, listening to grievances, educating both members and non-members, and having to do major cleanups to close the Cabin. This is a very heavy load for just a few folks, and you know what? They want to ski and have fun too!

Want to help? Volunteer to be the host for the weekend, or the day. Richard Korry has already stepped up to act as host for the day last Sunday! Thanks Richard! We need more folks, like Richard, who use the Cabin on a regular basis to act in a leadership capacity. At the very least, allot some time (30 minutes) and proactively ask them what you can do to help out.

At the Cabin:

Day use or overnight? It is the same procedure.

First thing, sign in all your party and pay your fees. You are responsible for your guests and everyone you bring along so fill them in on how things work, introduce them, and take care of them.

Unfortunately, we don't have a dorm mom, or cleaning crew, so everyone who visits (members, guests, and even kids) should pitch in to keep the place in super ship shape.

Everyone needs to do some kind of chore. Pick up all the stuff left outside and on the bunny hill. Re-stock the wood closet, sweep, mop, do the windows, shovel snow (the steps front and back need to be shoveled each weekend to get weight off them), wipe all the tables, clean the bathrooms. Just like you would at your home! Take the trash and recycle home with you (we have no trash service)

Courtesy:

The dorms are not play areas. During the day there might be people that would like some quiet time, or to take a nap. (One of the best naps I every had was at Guye Cabin) People are tired after a whole day on the snow, or want to get up in time for first tracks, so lights are out in all the dorms at 9 PM. Be aware that people are sleeping and reduce the activity and noise after 9..

Play areas are the basement, ping-pong room, fireplace room, and outside! Keep an eye on the kids, the kitchen is not a good play area.

Keep the doors closed. It is a fire prevention requirement. Also, we don't need to have our brand new furnaces running to heat the hallway or the outside.

This should be obvious but no audio devices such as DVD players, radios, etc. should be brought up. We need to hear the natural quiet if we can.

Much of the cider, tea, hot chocolate, coffee, etc are brought up by people and left to be enjoyed by others. Follow this wonderful example. (Check first to make sure your gift is needed) (All this

stuff too. Mops, brooms, dustpans, dish towels, pot holders, cups, pans, pots) Ever wondered how the dishtowels got cleaned? Someone takes them home and washes them!

Guye Cabin is a magical place, and many of us have enjoyed its renaissance and rebirth for the last several years. My favorite part of the Cabin experience is meeting and getting to know many of the wonderful people that visit Guye Cabin. It is our WAC home, and everyone should treat the Cabin with respect, and behave as they would in their own home. Please do your part to maintain the special mountain atmosphere that folks like us have enjoyed since 1932. Thanks! Mike

SNOQUALMIE SKI AREA EXPANSION

The Forest Service in December released a new master plan for the four ski areas at Snoqualmie Pass in the Central Cascades. The ten-year plan would rearrange and add lifts and runs and expand the special use permit into another 53 acres at Hyak Creek, increasing total ski area capacity by 39 percent. Although many aspects of the proposal are controversial, expansion when it harms old growth and wildlife is unacceptable. The proposed expansion involves cutting old growth, degrading a key wildlife corridor, and expanding Alpentel lift facilities into a road less area next to the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Area.

The public has invested millions of dollars and decades protecting and connecting wildlife habitat along I-90. It just defies common sense that the Forest Service would approve a project that destroys some of the best old-growth forest and wildlife habitat left in the area. The proposal would cut up Hyak Creek by logging old-growth forest and building two new ski lifts, several new runs, and a new road. Only Alternative 4 eliminates those impacts.

The WAC supports improved winter recreation at the Pass, but not when it spells loss of old-growth forests, wildlife corridors, and road less areas. The best

alternative will be one that combines the least impact actions of Alternatives 3 & 4, while halting all expansion into old-growth forests and roadless areas.

Mike

Read more and send a comment form to -- <http://www.conservationnw.org/Snoqualmie-1-05.html>

VEGETARIAN POTLUCK AT GUYE CABIN

Mar 11th. 6:30 PM Back by popular demand is our annual vegetarian potluck at Guye Cabin. Conveniently located on Sat prior to the Nordic Clinic. Bring enough of your best veggie dish to share, and sample a wide array of healthy tastes!.

WAC BACKCOUNTRY CLASS

Backcountry Class will use Guye Cabin Feb 24-26. This will be the first field trip. The weekend is spent performing avalanche transceiver practice, snow shelter construction, and attending avalanche safely lectures. We will have approximately 25 students and as many as 10 instructors at the cabin from Friday evening until Sunday afternoon. Students and instructors will carpool and park as many cars as possible at alternative locations such as Summit West and Alpentel, but it is likely we'll still end up occupying a large number of the available parking spaces that weekend. Please be aware that during Saturday and Sunday morning, the students will be having classroom time in the main room of the cabin, and we will be having a class potluck dinner Saturday night. Students and instructors will also be up early each day, so we'll do our best to keep quiet, but please be aware that it will be a little crowded up there that weekend.

Thank you,

Pete Alderson

INLAND EMPIRE BICYCLE TOUR

April 8 and 9 will be the 3rd annual WAC Spring Break bicycle tour. This Inland Empire Bicycle Tour will cover the Columbia Plateau Trail from Sprague thru the Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge to Fish Lake, and then the Trail of the Coeur d'Alene, from Plummer to

Enaville, Idaho. On Saturday we will meet at the Martin Road trailhead, bicycle 23 miles to Fish Lake where we will have lunch. After lunch drive to Plummer Idaho then bicycle another 16 miles to Harrison Idaho. We will camp in Harrison ID on the shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene and have a nice group campsite on the lake with a campfire. On Sunday morning, we will bicycle 31 miles up through wetlands along the Coeur d'Alene river to Enaville where lunch will be at the Snake Pit restaurant/resort.

If you would like to join me a day early, on Friday April 7, meet me at The Four Seasons Campground in Sprague.

Directions to the start:

I-90 to Sprague exit 245 and then follow signs for 8 miles to the Columbia Plateau Trail, Martin Road trailhead.

Call John Sargent 360-377-3217 to RSVP or for more information

LOPEZ ISLAND RAMBLE BIKE RIDE

May 6-7, Meet at the Anacortes ferry dock load your gear into my van and bicycle onto the ferry. The van driver will drop our gear off at Odlin County Park, just a mile from the ferry terminal, and then follow us on our trip around the Island. The 33.5-mile trip will take us from the Ferry Dock thru Lopez Village, Shark Reef, Agate Beach Park, Spencer Spit State Park and then back to our camp on the beach at Odlin County Park.

For more information and to sign up contact John Sargent 360-377-3217

OLYMPIC COAST BEACH CLEANUP

April 22/23 This will be the fifth year of this annual event.

"The wildest, the most remote and, I think, the most picturesque beach area of our whole coastline lies under the pounding surf along the Pacific Ocean in the State of Washington. . . . It is a place of haunting beauty, of deep solitude." William O. Douglas

Jefferson Cove is a beautiful low

tide beach about a mile long. At the North end is the first ladder and the route over the big Hoh Head that eventually makes it's way to Third Beach, some 17 miles distant. Hoh Head can never be rounded, even at an extreme low tide. It is 1.5 miles to the low tide beach at the North side of Hoh Head, and 3.5 miles by trail to Mosquito Creek.

You are invited to participate in a grand adventure: to join others in removing debris from of Olympic National Park beaches during the April 22/23, 2006 weekend. We will camp at the Hoh Beach on Saturday evening, about two miles from the trailhead.

Contact Mike Mahanay at mike@grandcanyontreks.org to register. We will again do the Oil City Beach and Jefferson Cove Beach south of Forks. Every year we see Bald Eagles, seals, and lots of life in the tidepools. We had a party of 14 last year. Our goal this year is 15 volunteers. We would like firm commitments by April 15, but of course will take late comers up to the last minute.

<http://www.wacweb.org/Current/Announcements/default.view?mode=details&RowId=50>

NORDIC SKI CLINIC REPORT

Nordic, or cross country skiing, is one of the healthiest recreational activities for both the body and the soul. Absorbing the beauty of nature with its towering trees, mountain vistas, or endless snow covered meadows while experiencing a total body workout, all at an individual pace, is hard to duplicate in any other activity. Cross country skiing uses natural movements. It does not require special skills to get started, and it has a short learning curve. Cross country skiing is a multi-generational activity. Infants and toddlers can go along for the ride in a backpack or sled. Cross country skiing is a kinder, gentler sport for grandparents and great grandparents. Teenagers who want to go fast can skate ski, a technique that combines the leg motion of ice skating and the arm push of cross country skiing. Our Club is very lucky to have such a great variety of

trails in our backyard. Besides the trails at Hyak, we have the Iron Horse Trail, Crystal Springs, and Cabin Creek to ski. >>[goto online bulletin for rest of story](#)

NORDIC SKI CLINIC II

Feb 26th. The snow just will not stop! Conditions should be optimal! This is a real opportunity to sharpen and enhance your skills with excellent Level III instructors at an almost free price! besides being just plain fun!

The WAC, with members and PSIA Level 3 Instructors Karel Zikan and Eli Holmes are offering a XC-Ski clinic on Sunday February 26 at 10 AM!

Skill level should be beyond-beginner. We'll concentrate on efficient classic (kick and glide) techniques first and then maybe do some skate. If the conditions are good, we'll go to the Hyak upper trails and tour around, with some technique drills thrown in as appropriate.

Classes will last 3-4 hours including a break for lunch.

Cost is only \$20. Eli and Karel are donating their time so 100% of the fees will be equally split between Guye Cabin and Snoqualmie Nordic Club.

Don't have ski's? You can rent them at the lodge, Marmot, or REI.

Season Passes work, or if you don't have that you'll need to get a trail pass (\$14)

To sign up just email Mike and I'll put you on the list!

mike@grandcanyontreks.org

The third and final clinic will be held on March 12th at 10 AM.

SNOWSHOE OUTING

Feb. 18th. Now that we have tons of snow, (107" last week) its time to strap those snowshoes on for a trip up Commonwealth Basin. Join the WAC's most experienced Outing Leader, Jonathan Pryce, at Guye Cabin on February 18, 10AM sharp for a winter day trek. Commonwealth Basin is one of the most scenic and beautiful snowshoe trips in the Cascades! Jonathan plans a socially paced trip, for gentlemen and gentle women.

Bring weather appropriate clothes, a picnic lunch, and your 10 essentials.

If you plan to attend, please let me know in advance.

jonathanpryce@comcast.net

See you all there! Jonathan

STAMPEDE PASS SKI TOUR

I had always wanted to ski to Stampede Pass and visit the historic Meany Ski Lodge. I managed to get Doerte, Beck, and Dave to agree it might be fun. Since it was on a groomed surface we took our skinny skis. The trip is described in the "100 Best Cross-country Ski Trails in Washington" by Vicky Spring & Tom Kirkendall.

Skiing time: 4 hours, Elevation gain: 1,300 feet, High point: 3,700 feet, Best: December - March

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SKI PATROL RACE

Courtesy of our friend Lowell Skoog

In the Beginning was the Railroad. The first railroad breached the Cascades in 1888 through a tunnel under Stampede Pass. Twenty-seven years later another tunnel was bored under Snoqualmie Pass. A young outdoor club, The Mountaineers of Seattle, realized that the Snoqualmie railroad offered them an opportunity to make their own home in the mountains. So they built a lodge a mile and a half from the tunnel and began to visit their new home in every season. (This was long before the Snoqualmie Pass highway was open in winter or any ski areas existed at the pass.)

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NOSTALGIA CO-OPERATIVE CAMPERS

August 1924

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NOSTALGIA IMAGES FROM THE PAST

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NORDIC SKI CLINIC REPORT (CONT)

The WAC, with PSIA Level 3 Instructors Karel Zikan and Eli Holmes had their first XC-Ski clinic in January at Hyak. (at least in recent memory). An eager and energetic group of 5 students learned and practiced efficient classic (kick and glide) techniques. With excellent conditions we toured the Hyak upper trails and did many technique drills. We had a break for lunch at the warming hut. Eli and Karel are excellent instructors and were kind enough to donate their time. Karel and Eli, and Lib and Amy Rust are instructors for the kids programs each Saturday at Hyak.

We have two more clinics planned. One in February and one in March.

STAMPEDE PASS (CONT)

All this is true except the "100 best part". Vicky and Tom must of written this prior to this fine area becoming a snowmobile Nascar track. It is certainly no place for skiers! Beck managed to get some snowmobilers to give us some information and we were the first skiers they had ever seen. I chalk it up to a learning experience. A few snowmobiles is okay, but 100's is not that much fun. This tour is not recommended unless your senses are broken.

We parked in the skiers section of the Crystal Springs Sno Park. (Groomed Trail Permit required) From the snowmobile ghetto parking area we carried our skis a short distance and then skied through the trees to meet the main road at a wide intersection. We headed up Road 54, crossing the groomed Iron Horse Trail at 1/4 mile. Anyone who has been here before will gladly get on the safety of the Iron Horse. It is wonderful ski back to Hyak, about 8 miles one way.

Soon the road divides. The right is road 5484. We stayed left with Road 54 as it swings east, starting the long climb

to Stampede Pass. To access the Mountaineers Meany Hut, take the very next left. This was actually are destination, but we were not aware of this turn. Here is the way we didn't have: <http://www.meanylodge.com/meany/direction/dmap.jpg>

Stampede Pass Road heads to the right and carves across the steep, logged walls of Mosquito Creek valley. At 4 miles the road crests the unpretentious summit of 3,700 foot Stampede Pass. There are lots of nice glades to ski, but one has to weave among the snowmobiles in most cases. The best skiing is on the Iron Horse Trail with the groomed ski tracks. It is excellent for a kick and glide workout. Photos and some other stuff at <http://www.grandcanyontrails.org/backcountry/stampede/stampede%20pass.html>

How did Stampede Pass get it's name? The Northern Pacific Railroad finished a railroad across Stampede Pass (using switchbacks in the steepest sections, where the train actually had to reverse direction several times) on June 1, 1887. They decided to found a new city on Puget Sound rather than build all the way up to Seattle at a greater expense and further delay. The new town was called "Tacoma".

Stampede Pass got its name because in the early 1880's, while the railroad was being constructed, a new foreman arrived who promised to work everyone much harder and get the most out of them. The entire crew quit on the spot and stampeded back to Seattle!

Meany Hut History - In 1927 the Mountaineers Club president, Edmond S. Meany donated 54 acres of land southwest of Martin to the club for a ski hut. Martin was the railroad station at the east end of the Northern Pacific tunnel near Stampede Pass and the area where the Hut was built was originally the site of Tunnel City, the construction camp during the building of the Stampede Pass Tunnel. The Stampede Pass location was chosen to permit ski tours along the cas-

cade crest from Snoqualmie Pass to Mt. Rainier. Although somewhat lower than Snoqualmie Pass, the eastern Cascade slope usually affords drier snow and better skiing. Meany Ski Hut was dedicated in 1928. It has since been enlarged at least twice Mike

SKI PATROL RACE (CON'T)

In winter they came on snowshoes. But before long a few started to bring skis. The Mountaineers declared skis to be Good and began using them to explore both north and south from their Lodge. In 1928, a band of Mountaineers spent a weekend in railroad shacks near the Stampede Tunnel to see how this country compared to their home skiing grounds at Snoqualmie. They liked what they found and before the year had ended they built another home, the Meany Ski Hut, near the Stampede Tunnel.

Adventurous Mountaineers soon scouted an eighteen-mile ski route between their two mountain homes. In 1930, they inaugurated a race over this route, the Patrol Race. This race was the first of its kind in North America. Three-man teams would start at intervals from the Snoqualmie Lodge over a trail broken by a party that left before dawn. Each man was required to carry a ten-pound pack of emergency provisions and the three team members had to finish within a minute of each other at the Meany Ski Hut. The race ran for twelve years and produced tales of both misadventure and great skimanship.

During World War II, the race was discontinued and in 1944 the Snoqualmie Lodge burned to the ground. Travel by railroad was supplanted by the automobile, large sections of the Cascade crest between Snoqualmie and Stampede Passes were clear-cut, and skiers turned to groomed trails, chairlifts and slalom. The Patrol Race passed out of memory for all but a few old-time skiers. Photos at <http://www.alpenglow.org/skiing/patrol-race-2004/index.html>

To find out more about ski history in the Cascades go to <http://www.alpenglow.org/ski-history/>

NOSALGIA (CON'T)

Leave Seattle every Saturday at 10 p.m. from the Colman Dock on the S.S. Kulshan, with a jolly crowd of outdoor lovers all clad in hiking togs. The boat will arrive in Bellingham at 7 Sunday morning. Special auto stages will take you uptown for a first class breakfast.

Leave Bellingham at 8:30 by auto stage over a most scenic route to the town of Glacier and follow the valley of the North Fork of the Nooksack River, stopping at Nooksack Falls.

After a short distance we reach the trail where a pack train will convey our dunnage to the camp. From here we will hike up to camp, resting by a glacial stream to view the Alpine flowers, silver forests, Mt. Shuksan and the snow fields of Mt Baker. When this alluring region is reached you will want your Kodak to preserve the views.

The snow line camp will be reached in the afternoon. Here you will find a large dining-room tent, kitchen and tents for ladies' quarters and gentlemen's quarters.

During your stay you may wander among the flowers, swim in the lakes, hike to points of interest. Summit trips to make the ascent of Mt Baker and Shuksan will be made conditions permitting.

Parties will return from Mt Baker every Sunday, and the trip from Bellingham to Seattle will be by interurban and auto stage via Chuckanut Bay and the Pacific Highway, arriving in Seattle about 7 p.m.

Cost of trip including all transportation, berth, meals and pack train, for one week, \$23.00.

Baggage is limited to twenty pounds and must be wrapped in canvas ready for the packhorse. Wear serviceable outing suit of wool pants and flan-

**NOSTALGIA
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**Ninth Annual Summer Camp on Mt.
Baker. July 6 – August 31, 1924**

Put on the grease paint and your dark glasses and climb the glaciers and moraines with us. Camp near the snow line, see the wonderful crevasses, ascend to the summit to view the crater and panoramic view of the San Juans, British Columbia, Mt. Rainier and the Cascade and Olympic Mountains.

Our camp will be located in the Austin Pass district, in the vicinity of the Chain Lakes and Table Mountain, midway between Mt Baker and Mt. Shuksan.

Think that the WAC was always about skis, snow, boots, rocks and muddy trails?

Think again



WAC womens basketball team. Year ??

PHOTO ARCHIVES

We have begun scanning some of the many photos in the WAC archives. From time to time, some of these photos and documents will be made available in our online bulletin.

Here are some samples.



Mens Bowling Team



Guye Cabin under construction
1932

